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**Deputy A.F. Curtis of St. Clement of the Minister for the Environment regarding reviewing the Residential Parking Standards. (OQ.94/2024)**

Will the Minister advise what consideration, if any, is being given to reviewing the Residential Parking Standards?

**Deputy S.G. Luce (The Minister for the Environment):**

I can advise the Deputy that a review of Residential Parking Standards is not under active consideration.

**3.10.1 Deputy A.F. Curtis:**

Last week the Planning Committee unanimously approved the first of the rezoned housing sites, which provides 40 parking spaces for 37 houses, yet no garages. There were several concerns raised, including by the Connétable of the Parish. Given it is unlikely this site will be occupied before many other sites come before the Planning Committee, how will he assure himself that the standards are appropriate for all of the rezoned housing sites?

**Deputy S.G. Luce:**

The Deputy will know, as well as everybody else, that supplementary planning guidance, which sets out the standards we are discussing now, has only recently been revised. It was only published in October last year and that followed public consultation and engagement with States Members and the development industry. The latest guidance, as again the Deputy will know - as we all know - it was the first time these standards have been updated since 1988, which is a considerable amount of time. But it did bring everything in line under the sustainable transport policy, which was agreed in 2020 in this Assembly. All I can say is the interpretation and application of these standards, like all other planning policy and guidance, will be kept under review. I understand the Deputy's concerns. Parking is always an emotive issue; people never think they have enough of it. But we have set these new standards; I believe we need to give some consistency to the development industry so that they know where they are. At the same time, we need to continue to review them. So if they do need to be changed again, we bear that in mind